

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2003-361-C - ORDER NO. 2008-607
AUGUST 26, 2008

IN RE: Application of SBC Long Distance, LLC)	ORDER GRANTING
d/b/a SBC Long Distance d/b/a AT&T Long)	PETITION TO
Distance for a Certificate of Public)	WITHDRAW
Convenience and Necessity to Provide Local)	CERTIFICATION AND
Exchange Telecommunications Services)	CANCEL TARIFFS

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) on a petition from SBC Long Distance, LLC d/b/a AT&T Long Distance (“AT&T”) to withdraw certification to provide local exchange services, cancel local exchange services tariff, and cancel intrastate access services tariff. AT&T explains that while it currently provides intrastate interLATA services (including the origination and termination of toll traffic within the same LATA) and wishes to continue doing so, it currently has no local exchange customers in South Carolina and no longer wishes to offer local exchange services in the State.¹

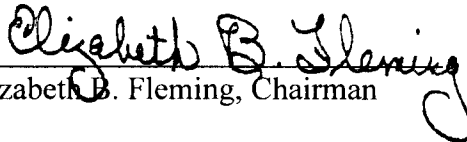
We find that AT&T’s request is in the public interest because no South Carolina customer is currently receiving local exchange service from AT&T Long Distance, and

¹ Through a complex series of name changes over the years, the major Commission orders granting authority to provide the services which are now requested to be withdrawn include Order No. 1998-45 (January 26, 1998) (granting Southwestern Bell Long Distance authority to provide intrastate telecommunications services), Order No. 2004-229 (June 30, 2004) (granting Southwestern Bell d/b/a SBC Long Distance authority to provide local exchange services), Order No. 2005-188 (April 20, 2005) (assigning certificate of public convenience and necessity from SBC Telecom, Inc. to SBC Long Distance, Inc.), and Order No. 2000-446 (May 23, 2000) (granting SBC Telecom, Inc. authority to provide local exchange services, intrastate interexchange services, alternative regulation of interexchange services, and flexible regulation of its local exchange services).

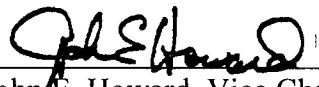
customers who desire local exchange services in the future can choose from a wide variety of companies, including wireless carriers, competitive local exchange companies, VoIP providers, and incumbent local exchange companies. Therefore, we hold that the certification to provide local exchange services of SBC Long Distance, LLC d/b/a AT&T Long Distance is withdrawn and cancelled along with its local exchange services tariff No. 9 and intrastate access services tariff No. 10. Although these tariffs are cancelled, the Commission notes that AT&T's intrastate interLATA services are not affected as well as its ability to originate and terminate toll traffic within the same LATA in South Carolina. Additionally, AT&T's long distance tariff remains in effect.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Elizabeth B. Fleming, Chairman

ATTEST:


John E. Howard, Vice Chairman
(SEAL)